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George Kerr

The journey back from Newport was enjoyed that much better by everybody following a fine four one victory.

It was a good week for the club with the Reserves beating Blackpool 4-3 and the Juniors winning 3-1 at York City. I always think you can't have enough winning sides at a club and certainly the Reserves results perked us up following their result against Blackpool — was it a coincidence that the first team beat Newport and the Juniors beat York; or put it another way has the club turned the corner.

Mick Pickering's influence has already impressed most people at the club and I am sure will impress you the supporters. With the welcome return of Billy McEwan — one or two positional changes it was certainly one of the most experienced sides that we have fielded this season and I am sure the scoreline reflected that fact. The other facet of the game that was interesting was that the goals were shared around and certainly we have got to have much more of the same as the season progresses.

I would also like to thank our travelling supporters who made the long journey to Newport — it was nice to hear you enjoying the afternoon and full reward for your patience.

Today's visitors Bolton Wanderers have got together a young and useful side which will provide us with another difficult game. I sometimes have to



laugh about what some people say about their team during bad spells but am often reminded that they are entitled to their views if they pay their money — having said that I happen to be a person who would support a side during the bad times as well as the good — just like most of the loyal supporters at Millmoor. I will see to it that your patience and understanding will be rewarded with a good side at Millmoor and hopefully we will start today against Bolton.

Thank you for your attendance and enjoy today's game.

Regards, GEORGE.



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BOLTON WANDERERS

Currently on the edge of the Third Division promotion race, Bolton Wanderers will today be striving to maintain the sort of form they showed last weekend when beating Bristol Rovers 3-0 at Burnden Park and Southend 1-0 at Layer Road.

These results have underlined the fact that promotion at the first time of asking could be 'on' for a club that was one of the twelve original members of the Football League in 1888. By the outbreak of the First World War they had been relegated twice and promoted four times each and had twice reached the F.A. Cup final without winning the trophy.

From 1911 onwards, however, they enjoyed their longest unbroken spell in Division One lasting until 1933 and in the course of this they won the F.A. Cup three times. They won this trophy again in 1958 in the midst of another substantial spell in the top Division either side of the Second World War. Since 1964, however, they have spent only two seasons (from 1978 to 1980) there.

Last season they ended a 3 year spell in Division Two by accompanying ourselves on the way down to Division Three. They looked relatively safe when in fourteenth place early in March, but then came a disastrous last eleven games of which they lost seven and won only one.

THIS SEASON

Their home record this season has been impressive with just one defeat (by Newport County) and four draws (against Burnley, Hull, Preston and

Scunthorpe). What's more they beat current leaders Walsall 8-1 in September. On Monday they ended a run of three successive away defeats with a 1-0 win at Southend, their fourth away success this season.

TONY CALDWELL in his first season in league football after moving from Horwich, got the matchwinner at Southend on Monday and he is likely to be supported today by Eire international JEFF CHANDLER, who has been scoring regularly recently, and young striker SIMON RUDGE.

In midfield we are likely to see three more home-grown products, WARREN JOYCE (son of club coach Walter Joyce), NEIL REDFEARN and STEVE THOMPSON while in defence GERRY McELHINNEY (from Distillery in 1981) links up with PETER VALENTINE (exchanged with Huddersfield for Paul Jones) last summer. On the flanks BRIAN BORROWS came from Everton a year ago to link up with RAY DEAKIN, who had come from Port Vale during the previous close season. In goal SIMON FARNWORTH has graduated to a regular first team place this season though challenged by ex-Oldham and Bury man JIM PLATT.

JOHN MCGOVERN (Midfield). John was appointed Player/Manager in June '82. One of the games most respected players, he has won League Championship honours with Derby County and Nottingham Forest — whom he also led as captain to two European Cup and two Football League cup successes.

SIMON FARNWORTH (Goalkeeper). Coached enthusiastically by



Back row: Brian Borrows, Neil Berry, John Platt, Simon Farnworth, Gerry McElhinney, Peter Valentine.
Middle row: Warren Joyce, Neil Redfearn, Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell, Eric Snookes, Wayne Foster.

Front row: Charlie Wright (Coach), Jeff Chandler, Steve Saunders, John McGovern (Player/Manager), Ray Deakin, Simon Rudge, Peter Nightingale (Physio).

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Charlie Wright, Simon has been waiting in the wings for his first team break for a couple of seasons.

GERRY McELHINNEY (Defender). Signed from Distillery at the beginning of the 80/81 season, a former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer, who made his debut for the Wanderers soon after signing. An aggressive, enthusiastic defender who just failed to make the Northern Ireland Cup squad.

RAY DEAKIN (Defender). A left full back who can also play in midfield, Ray joined the Wanderers in the summer of 1982 on a free transfer from Port Vale. Began his career with Everton.

NEIL BERRY (Defender). International Youth honours with Scotland launched Neil into what promises to be a first class career.

ERIC SNOOKES (Defender). A close season signing from Rochdale where he spent five seasons, Eric is a defender John McGovern has been keeping tabs on for some time. The Birmingham born blonde full back started his career with Preston and had spells at Crewe and Southport.

PETER VALENTINE (Defender). Peter exchanged places during the summer with former Wanderers' skipper Paul Jones who joined Huddersfield. Crossing the Pennines brought a fresh challenge for the promising young central defender.

BRIAN BORROWS (Defender/midfield). A regular full back berth at Everton in the First Division brought Brian to the attention of a number of clubs last season, Wanderers stepping in just before the transfer deadline, signing the Liverpool youngster for a modest fee. Eight appearances last season in Bolton colours were all in midfield showing the versatility of this promising young player.

WARREN JOYCE (Midfield). Son of club coach Walter, the former Blackburn and Burnley defender. Warren got his chance in midfield last season. A county cricketer at colts level and a rugby union schoolboy tourist makes Warren an all round sportsman.

STEVE THOMPSON (Midfield). Three appearances all away from home, was Steve's taste of first team action last season. Operates wide in midfield but likes to home in on goal with his powerful shooting.

NEIL REDFEARN (Midfield). It was impossible to ignore Neil's talent last season and when John McGovern was looking for someone to slot into his own midfield position when he was injured, Neil got the job making his debut, still only 17, at Rotherham. Enthusiastic and packing a fierce shot, Neil made 10 first team appearances last season.

JEFF CHANDLER (Striker). A livewire winger with an abundance of skill and control. Jeff cost Wanderers a modest £40,000 when he signed from Leeds United in October 1981. The Hammersmith born lad, who began his League career with Blackpool has won International recognition with the Republic of Ireland.

WAYNE FOSTER (Striker). A former local schoolboy, Foster came onto the Wanderers' scene in the 1981/82 season and commanded a regular place in the attack. Recognised at representative level he got his first England Youth cap in Scotland in a European Championship qualifier.

STEVE SAUNDERS (Striker). A cruel sequence of injuries robbed Steve of his chance of a first team place last season. But it won't be long before this livewire attacker makes his League bow.

SIMON RUDGE (Striker). Simon won the hearts of the Bolton fans with his terror-like qualities last season. Three goals from 21 appearances in a side struggling for goals was enough to suggest that we'll see a lot more of this diminutive striker from Warrington.

TONY CALDWELL (Striker). Record breaking scoring feats in Non-League football meant Tony was sure to attract attention sooner or later from one of the North West League clubs. Bolton moved in and signed the self employed electrician on part time professional terms from Horwich R.M.I.



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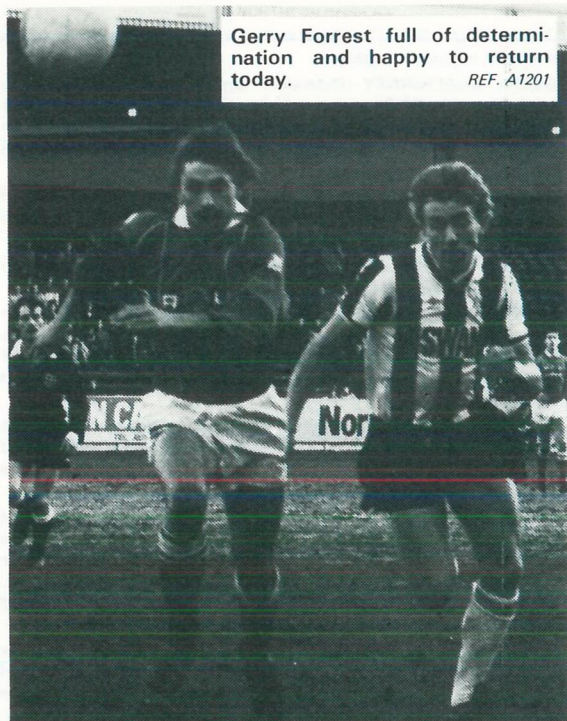
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FULL NAME: Ian McInnes

NICKNAME: None yet

BIRTHPLACE: Hamilton, Scotland

HEIGHT: 5' 8"

WEIGHT: 8st. 9lbs.

HOBBIES: Bowling

PET DISLIKE: Losing at any sport

BIGGEST THRILL: Being offered an apprenticeship with Rotherham

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not to be selected for the next game

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Father

BEST FRIEND IN FOOTBALL: Everyone at Rotherham

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All difficult

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Scottish Cup Final under 13's, scored the winner

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Bryan Robson, Man. Utd.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Glasgow Rangers

FAVOURITE OTHER GROUND: Ibrox

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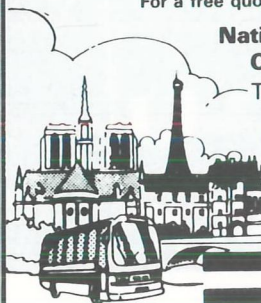
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It's in the Laws



LAW 21

Another glance at the laws as they were 50 years ago reveals that there was very little said in those days about bookings or sendings off. The only reference came under the heading of 'Duties and power of a referee.' This states that 'in the event of any ungentelemanly behaviour on the part of any of the players, the offenders shall be cautioned, and if any further offence is committed or, in the case of violent conduct, without any previous caution, the referee shall order the offending player or players off the field of play and shall transmit their name or names to their National Association.'

Nowadays, of course, a player can be sent off also for 'foul or abusive language' or 'serious foul play.' There is also the additional reporting of players cautioned to their National Association with the result that, after a number of cautions, they are liable to suspension, depending on the

nature of their offences.

Our forefathers would probably have smiled had they heard that in our generation these cautions would be for such offences as marking the pitch, handling the ball or failing to report to the referee when coming on to the field. They may also have been a little alarmed at the prospect of a player who has been sent off being suspended from the next game without any further enquiry and that, for a serious offence he could be suspended initially, suspended again when he topped twenty penalty points and be suspended again on the charge of 'bringing the game into disrepute.'

Maybe the game has moved forward. Certainly none of the whistlers of the early days of the game were as well-known as Clive Thomas.

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BRITAIN VETO UNITED NATIONS CALL

By Colin Benson

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION chairman Bert Millichip has already warned of the growing unrest within the ranks of FIFA members concerning England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, maintaining separate identities for international competition.

As FIFA expands to embrace more and more third-world countries, the balance, in respect of number of members, is swinging to the minority nations, who already substantially outnumber the establishment, and as they grow in strength so their demands for more say in the affairs of the game has a stronger voice.

Although there is no likelihood of the four home countries being forced to merge into a Great Britain team in the immediate future, the threat becomes stronger each year and it seems inevitable that the matter will reach breaking point in the not too distant future.

Indeed, Northern Ireland's Harry Cavan, a senior vice-president of FIFA, believes that England and Scotland's decision to terminate the British Championship has only helped the objectors cause.

He says: "There may be people somewhere who see this as a break-up of the four British associations and therefore see it as an opportunity to raise the question of the British privilege in FIFA, regarding the agreements entered into in 1948; which gives the British first of all a permanent seat on the Executive Committee, and the right to have four teams in the World Cup and the right to have four delegations at FIFA congresses and the right to have four places on the International Board to equal FIFA's four places. So that there is a very distinct privilege.

And it is also true to say that the four British associations are the only associations mentioned by name in the statutes of FIFA and of course it takes a three-quarters majority to change the statutes and that is a very difficult thing to get."

Politically of course it would not be expedient for Europe and South America to vote against the British for to do so would only push the establishment closer to losing the balance of power to the "emerging" nations, because Europe would immediately lose three votes.

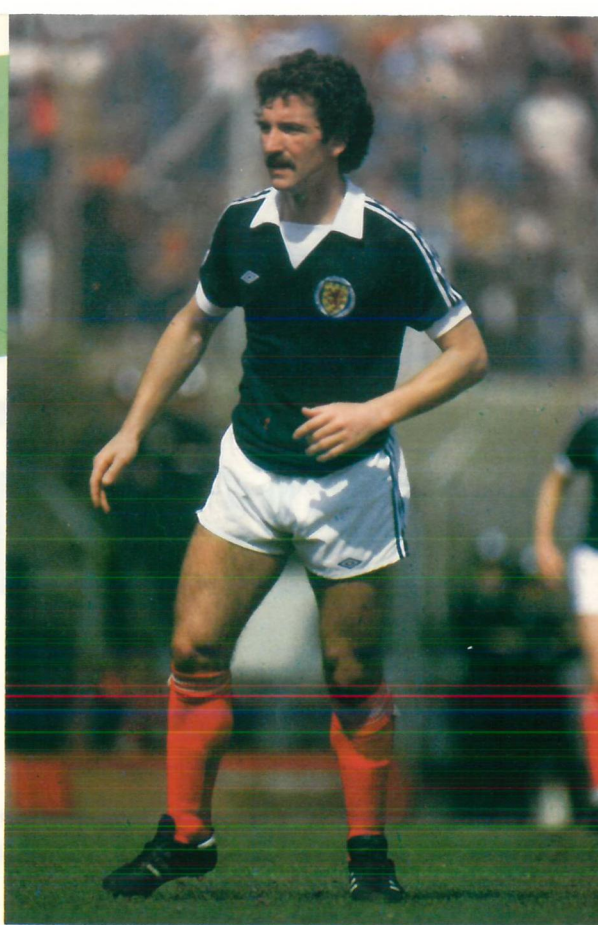
So we can continue to bank on Europe's support despite the grouses of many of the third-world countries.

Cavan explains: "There is always a certain amount of jealousy from time to time, particularly if, as happened last time, we get three teams through to the finals of the World Cup. But I think that is probably understandable.

"I can only speak for the Irish Football Association but we will strongly resist any move to alter our standing and defend our right to be a member of FIFA, and defend our right to participate in the World Cup."

It is not only from outside though that the call for a Great Britain team is made. The failure of the home nations to make any significant impact in world football since England took the World Cup in 1966 is always a strong argument for those Brits who would love to see the likes of Peter Shilton, Bryan Robson and Glenn Hoddle lining up alongside Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush; and the complete failure of all our national sides in the current European Championship has obviously brought that old horse chestnut out into the open again.

It is easy to surmise and speculate that such a side would be a match for anyone in the international arena but as has



Scotland's Graeme Souness — would he play as well for Great Britain as he does for Liverpool?

been so often proved before it needs more than just eleven big names to make a team.

A successful combination, be it at league level or international level, needs a certain chemistry to make it tick. It is an indefinable ingredient, something that one feels, and can only have been experienced by those who have participated in team games at a competitive level.

This would be hard to achieve in a Great Britain side particularly in a climate where the Scots would be pressing for their players to be included in the team, the Welsh for theirs and the English and Irish likewise.

Even if football forced the issue, the identities of the four countries could never be dismissed and although we may exist under the same political umbrella there can be no denying our cultural roots are distinctly different.

And let's face it. What right have the likes of Saudi Arabia, Barbados, Togo, China, Zambia or the rest to change the world game? England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales are every much as big as Malta, Cyprus and the likes and in footballing terms are streets ahead and by that token deserve to be able to enter the World Cup and European Championship as individual nations.

Like all developing institutions there is always the danger that one day the tail might wag the dog.

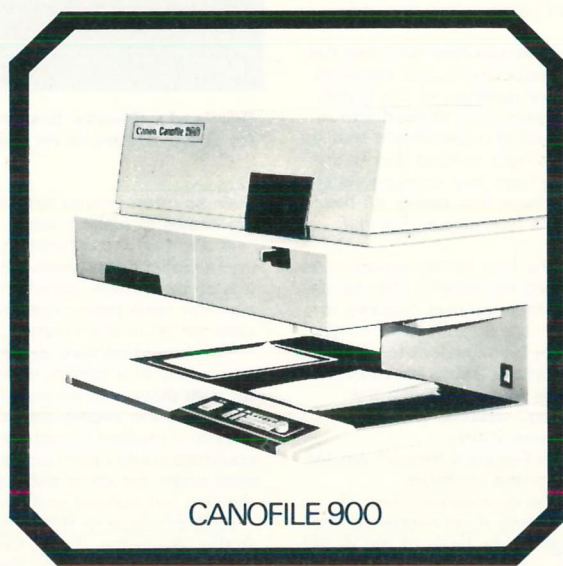
If that becomes the case in FIFA and the developing nations gain too big an influence on the policy of world football administration then there is inevitably the possibility that the major nations of Europe would eventually break away.

That would be a pity as expansion of the game throughout the world can only enhance the sports reputation. But the equilibrium must be maintained and Europe — the most powerful collection of national teams in the world — must be allowed to exert its control.

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Bradley's BRIEF



Ray Bradley of the 'Sunday Express' writes for you

As we enter the weird Orwellian world of 1984 it is difficult to be cheerful. It is even harder to be wise, for George Orwell turned out to be a lousy prophet of doom.

Mr. Orwell, a distinguished satirical novelist, was a radical thinker who might have been better employed as a weather forecaster on TV AM where they usually get their facts mixed up with the fog.

'Big Brother' George thought there would be no interest in sex in 1984. He must have been joking. He pronounced we would all be working for the state, but nearly 4,000,000 in Britain are now living off it. He stressed we would all be under strict surveillance, but we're all too busy watching the box.

As a respected prophet of social change, Boy George might be better . . . or better looking if you prefer guys dressed up as dolls.

But George Orwell was bang on target about football in '84, as you might expect from an Old Etonian who was born in Bengal . . .

He correctly forecast that Arsenal would sign a Scottish striker for £750,000 who hated scoring goals at Highbury. He said Liverpool were a spent force; Manchester United's gates would drop alarmingly and Wigan would win the First Division. Well, he did write the Road to Wigan Pier . . . even if he was peering through dusty bins.

But he was right about one thing. The gates are going down faster than professional staffs and our finances have become a nightmare. But even these facts are not supported by the Ministry of Truth at Lytham St. Anne. According to Mr. Kelly's spokesman the gates are going UP, all the time.

POSITIVE

Never mind about Liverpool, Everton, Notts County, Birmingham, Leeds, Brighton, Cambridge, Swansea, Rochdale, Torquay, and the other outposts of the League, you have been badly informed I was told.

"The actual attendances, old boy, are steadily increasing," stressed the cultivated Old Etonian voice on my laser beam communicator.

"Just ask Oxford. They had a splendid turnout against Manchester United in the Milk Cup."

"Hang about, Charlie," I interrupted. "That was not a League game."

There was an eerie silence. "You are correct, old boy," continued the smooth voice of my communicator. "But gates have appreciably increased at Q.P.R., Sheffield Wednesday and Hull to name but three clubs . . . old boy."

Was I hearing right? Hang about, Charlie," I replied reverently. "Rangers have been promoted, while Wednesday and Hull are both chasing promotion. Their gates are bound to go up."

Again, a silence conducive to tranquil deliberation. "That was not the question," I was corrected. "We are only concerned with positive achievements. You will be sent a full list of clubs complying with our new instructions on financial techniques and commercial viability," the perfectly modulated voice answered.

"Excuse me, Chas. That brings me to a valid point.

Is it not true that 90 per cent of League clubs are in the red and the other ten per cent are just about surviving?"

PROGRAMMED

There was an uneasy silence before the voice on the communicator continued authoritatively: "Nonsense, dear boy. The Canon League is an absolute success. The gates at some clubs may be marginally down, but income is rising in commensuration and provides adequate compensation for any loss in attendance revenue."

"That is a smart ass answer and completely ignores the question," I protested.

"Smart as . . . h. I am not programmed to reply to that question," came the off-tone voice.

"Am I speaking to a clone or an android," I persisted, suddenly warning to the realisation that the clipped voice was beginning to audibly crackle.

"I am not programmed to answer illogical questions," repeated the metallic voice amid increasing background buzzing.

"God, I don't believe it. You're a flaming robot," I rapped back.

"I am not pro-gram-med . . ." spluttered the communicator and died.

What a break on a murky night. The Football — sorry Canon League — were using Etonian-voiced robots as P.R. Os. It was an obvious front page story. Well, at least the sports lead on the back.

I rushed to blurt out the whole weird story to my Sports Editor.

"No chance," he replied firmly. "We're leading on Charlie Nicholas. He has scored for the reserves at Highbury."

Come back George Orwell. All is forgiven!



Wigan to win the Championship? Well at least they played at West Ham in the F.A. Cup this season.



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ENGLAND'S YOUNG ONES ...

NIGEL SPINK

Colin Benson continues his series on the young players who will be England's future on the international stage, and with the World Cup tournament starting in earnest next season Bobby Robson has not got long to get the settled formation he is looking for.

One man who has been regularly tipped for a future England shirt is Aston Villa's young goalkeeper Nigel Spink who dramatically burst onto the football map in a European Cup Final.

NIGEL SPINK started at the top and that is where he intends to stay. There can have been few more dramatic introductions to the big time than Nigel's. He was quietly sitting on the Villa substitutes bench watching his senior team mates take on Bayern Munich in the European Cup Final in Rotterdam, when he was sensationally called on to replace Jimmy Rimmer in the 12th minute of the game.

He went on and with bravery and no mean goalkeeping skills shut the German's out as they launched an almost continual attack on the English team. It made Nigel a hero overnight and virtually secured a career he had waited six years to establish.

That all happened 20 months ago and in that period Nigel has gradually installed himself as the Villa number one.

Born in Chelmsford, Nigel first played for his local team but he always wanted to make football his career and when Aston Villa were tipped off about his potential they saw enough in him to invest £6,000 for his transfer.

He has the perfect build for a goalkeeper, his 6ft 3in frame built solidly like that of the man he most admires, Peter Shilton.

"Shilton is the best goalkeeper in the world," says Nigel, "he is the one we all have to emulate."

The Aston Villa star was the great man's understudy when England travelled to Budapest for that vital European Championship game against Hungary last autumn and he relished every minute of it.

"Shilts knows we are after his position," smiles Nigel, "but that does not worry him. He has so much belief in his own ability."

"I had been with him on the England tour to Australia last summer as well and on both trips he helped me enormously.

"I have always worked at my game but Peter taught me you need more than that to reach the top. You have to be totally dedicated to your profession, give everything to it.

"I have heeded his advice and got stuck in to my work with a new enthusiasm.

"Although my ambition is to be England's goalkeeper eventually I know it will take time. At the moment I am contented just to be included in the squad. It is a great honour.

"Anyway the way Shilts works he could be there for another four years yet."

Still he learned patience playing all that time in the stiffs at Villa Park and even when it is time for Shilton and Tottenham's Ray Clemence to vacate their international roles there will still be plenty of competition for that coveted jersey. Such is the healthy state of our goalkeeping situation in this country.

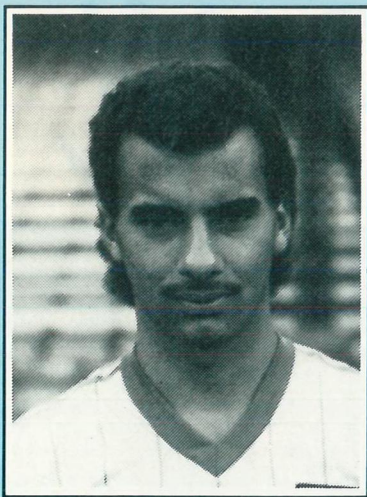
Nigel is well aware of this. It was an outstanding performance by one of his closest rivals, Chris Woods of Norwich City, which helped the Canaries tip Villa out of the FA Cup earlier this season and Gary Bailey (Manchester United), is also very much in contention.

But Nigel is improving rapidly and although he might not have the experience of his two closest rivals — he had only played 23 League matches prior to the start of this season — his brilliant reflexes and safe pair of hands has pushed him near to the top of the queue.

If he has anything over Woods and Bailey it is strength but although he coped so magnificently in Rotterdam he still needs a couple of seasons in the League.

Of his natural ability there is no doubt and that is why England chief Bobby Robson has his name firmly pencilled into his future plans.





Dale Gordon (Norwich City)

ENGLAND'S BABES QUALIFY FOR THE QUARTER- FINALS



Roy Coghiel (Bolton Wanderers)

England emerged as winners of qualifying group One, in the second UEFA Competition for National Representative Teams "Under 16" and have thus qualified for the quarter-finals.

The English boys won all four of their qualifying matches to finish with maximum points and a goal difference of 13-2, and so eliminated both Scotland and Iceland.

They now join the Federal Republic of Germany — winners of group Two — Russia (group Three), Holland (group Four), Italy (group Five), France (group Six), Yugoslavia (group Seven), Yugoslavia (group Seven) and Bulgaria (group Eight), in the quarter finals.

A total of 27 teams had entered the tournament and in the draw for the quarter-finals, which is to be played on a home-and-away basis, England were paired with France.

The first leg will be staged in England at the beginning of March and the second-leg will take place in France on March 21st.

The full draw is:

HOLLAND v WEST GERMANY
ENGLAND v FRANCE
ITALY v YUGOSLAVIA
BULGARIA v RUSSIA

The quarter-finals have to be completed by the end of March and the semi-final and final will then be played either on a home-and-away basis or in the form of a tournament, if one of the semi-finalists offers to take over responsibility for organising such an event.

So far West Germany and Holland have offered to do this should they qualify and as they are paired with each other one must advance to the next phase, so it seems probable that the final rounds will take the form of a tournament in one of those countries.

England's results in Group 1 were as follows:

Date	Venue	Opponents	F	A	Scorers
7 Sep	Reykjavik	Iceland	2	1	Berisford, Moulden
19 Sep	Blackburn	ICELAND	4	0	Carl 3, Kilner
5 Oct	Middlesbrough	SCOTLAND	3	1	Beckford, Moulden, Carl
19 Oct	Motherwell	Scotland	4	0	Beckford 2, Adams, Anderson

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ENGLAND	4	4	0	0	13	2	8
Scotland	4	1	1	2	4	9	3
Iceland	4	0	1	3	3	9	1

England's goalscorers: FRANZ CARL (Blackburn R) 4; Darren Beckford (Man. City) 3; Paul Moulden (Man. City) 2; Tony Adams (Arsenal) 1; Darren Anderson (Coventry City) 1; John Berisford (Man. City) 1; Andrew Kilner (Burnley) 1.

The England squad has consisted of the following players — names certainly to look for in the future:

Timothy Flowers (Wolves); Simon Rattcliffe (Man. United), Andrew Crane (Ipswich), Kevin Keen (West Ham Utd), Tony Adams (Arsenal), Darren Anderson (Coventry City), Franz Carl (Blackburn Rovers), Paul Moulden (Man. City), Darren Beckford (Man. City), John Berisford (Man. City), Andrew Kilner (Burnley), Paul Avery (Gillingham), Darren Hayes (Nottingham Forest), Dale Gordon (Norwich City), Steven Potts (West Ham United), Philip Priest (Chelsea), Fraser Digby (Man. United), Paul Collins (Gillingham), Ian Sankey (Ipswich), Paul Hutchins (Aston Villa), Roy Coghiel (Bolton Wanderers).

The team has been under the control of Charles Hughes, the Football Association's Assistant National Coach and Colin Murphy, a F.A. Regional Coach.

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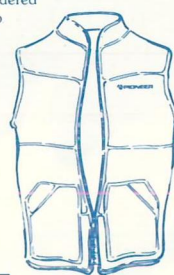


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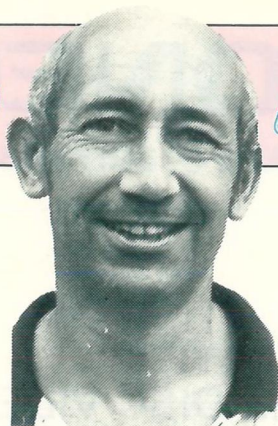
BLACK DECEMBER

Politicians in Italy have been involved in an emotional debate on how to tackle the country's growing football hooliganism problem.

The nation was shocked by a succession of major incidents and one sports journalist dubbed it as "Black December" after a bus load of Roma supporters completely wrecked a roadside restaurant on the way to watch a game against Juventus in Turin.

Three days later in Milan, Inter-Milan supporters repeatedly stabbed a young Austria Vienna supporter after the Italian side had lost a UEFA Cup tie against the Austrian club. Despite the offer of a reward, the culprits have not been found.

Later in the month there was a clash in Florence between supporters of Fiorentina and Roma, resulting in eleven injured and in Catania the same day two people were injured by petrol



bombs hurled in protest at a referee's decision.

Such incidents are not new to Italian football though. Four years ago a rocket fired from the Lazio end of the Olympic Stadium killed a Roma fan at the other end of the ground. However the frequency of the violence is now getting totally out of hand and the Italian Football Federation find themselves as helpless as our own authorities to deal with the situation.

The Federation's President, Frederico Sordillo says: "No rules or disciplinary measures can ever be enough to stamp out a phenomenon which is characteristic of our times and knows no limits."

The Italian football authorities are doing their best. As is the practice here, fans are frisked by the police as they enter the grounds and other measures include the re-enforcement of stadia guards and cash rewards for informants.

Police are also stepping up their surveillance on loosely organised youth groups, who according to World Cup hero Paolo Rossi, go to the stadium predisposed to violence.

Another World Cup star, Bruno Conti, believes that people have to be made to understand that football is only a game. But in a country where passions run deep and fuses are short and where matches attract crowds of 60,000 to 80,000, that is a message which is hard to get across.

SPANISH SPOOF

Spanish football fans were shocked when they read in one national paper a report that the national team had been ordered to replay their European Championship match against Malta.

The newspaper claimed that UEFA had ordered the replay following allegations of bribery surrounding Spain's 12-1 victory. Spain needed to win by eleven goals to qualify for the finals at Holland's expense and at the

interval only held a 3-1 advantage after trailing 1-0 at one stage.

However all became clear when Spaniards consulted their calendars. It was The Day of the Innocence, the equivalent of April Fool's Day here.

"GO WITH FOOTBALL"

The Football League is to give Soccer fans a chance to air their opinions about the future of our national game. They are to be invited to put forward their views in a competition formulated jointly by The Football League and BBC Local Radio.

Titled "GO WITH FOOTBALL" the competition will give each of the half million or so fans who regularly attend Canon League and Milk Cup matches the opportunity of expressing their views on the game.

"GO WITH FOOTBALL" is one of the biggest football competitions ever devised because it will involve each of the 30 BBC local radio stations throughout Britain in addition to the fans.

Football League clubs will carry an entry form in their match programmes inviting spectators to take part. Eventually, the entries will be reduced to five national finalists whose efforts will be judged by a panel comprising officials of The Football League, leading broadcasters and football personalities. The winner's prize will be an invitation to the pre-season Canon League dinner. The four runners-up will be allowed to select a game of their choice at which they will be guest for the day.

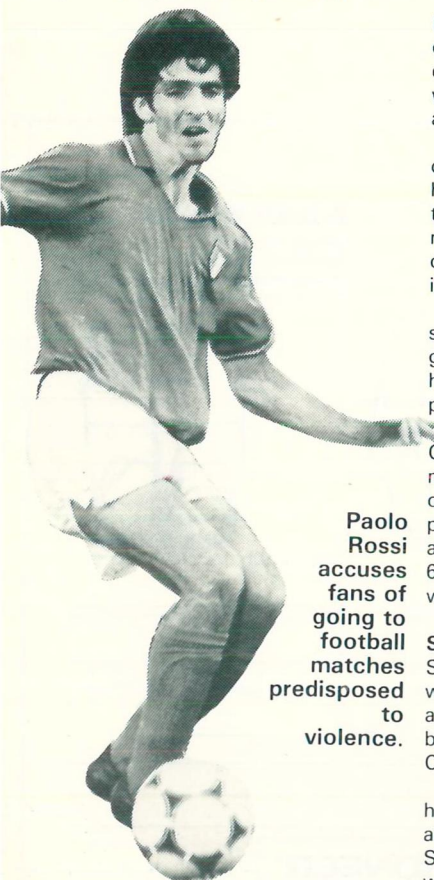
The fans will also have a chance to meet their favourite football personalities because League clubs will be asked to provide some of the judges for the area competitions.

"Supporters are the most important people in the game", says Graham Kelly, Secretary of The Football League. "With the help of BBC Local Radio we are giving them the chance to have their say on a scale we could never previously attempt".

For further information please contact: Alan Hughes, Football League Information Officer, 1 Bedford Street, London WC2E 9HD. Telephone No: 01-379 7989. Telex No: 22432 (CSS PRO G).

or

Mr Jim Brady, Local Radio Publicity Officer (North), BBC, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 9PX. Telephone No: 0532 439390.



Paolo Rossi accuses fans of going to football matches predisposed to violence.



The History Page

by Geoff Allman



STATISTICAL HISTORY OF THE MILLERS (Cont.)

SEASON 1953/54

We enjoyed one of our best-ever seasons in Division Four, climbing to fifth place and being just seven points short of promotion.

	DIVISION 2					
	P	W	D	L	F	A Pts
Leicester City	42	23	10	9	97	60 56
Everton	42	20	16	6	92	58 56
Blackburn Rovers	42	23	9	10	86	50 55
Nottingham Forest	42	20	12	10	86	59 52
Rotherham United	42	21	7	14	80	67 49
Luton Town	42	18	12	12	64	59 48
Birmingham City	42	18	11	13	78	58 47
Fulham	42	17	10	15	98	85 44
Bristol Rovers	42	14	16	12	64	58 44
Leeds United	42	15	13	14	89	81 43
Stoke City	42	12	17	13	71	60 41
Doncaster Rovers	42	16	9	17	59	63 41
West Ham United	42	15	9	18	67	69 39
Notts County	42	13	13	16	54	74 39
Hull City	42	16	6	20	64	66 38
Lincoln City	42	14	9	19	65	83 37
Bury	42	11	14	17	54	72 36
Derby County	42	12	11	19	64	82 35
Plymouth Argyle	42	9	16	17	65	82 34
Swansea Town	42	13	8	21	58	82 34
Brentford	42	10	11	21	40	78 31
Oldham Athletic	42	8	9	25	40	89 25

Results:

Aug. 20 Blackburn	H 1-4	Jan. 2 Birmingham	A 3-2
22 Leeds	A 2-4	16 Nott'm. F.	H 3-0
24 West Ham	H 5-0	23 Luton	A 1-1
29 Birmingham	H 1-0	Feb. 6 Plymouth	H 2-1
31 West Ham	A 0-3	13 Swansea	A 2-0
Sept. 5 Nott'm. F.	A 1-4	27 Bury	A 0-3
7 Fulham	H 3-2	Mar. 6 Oldham	H 7-0
12 Luton	H 2-1	13 Everton	A 0-3
16 Fulham	A 4-2	20 Hull City	H 3-2
19 Plymouth	A 2-0	27 Bristol Rov.	A 0-1
21 Stoke	H 2-2	Apr. 3 Brentford	H 1-1
26 Swansea	H 2-1	10 Notts County	A 2-1
Oct. 3 Doncaster	A 2-1	17 Lincoln	H 4-0
10 Bury	H 1-0	19 Stoke	A 1-1
17 Oldham	A 3-2	24 Derby	A 1-1
24 Everton	H 1-2	29 Doncaster	H 4-0
31 Hull	A 0-1	F.A. CUP	
Nov. 7 Notts County	H 0-1	Jan. 9 Round 3	
14 Lincoln	A 3-4	Bristol City	A 2-1
21 Bristol Rovers	H 1-1	Jan. 30 Round 4	
28 Brentford	A 1-0	W.B. Albion	A 0-4
Dec. 5 Derby County	H 5-2		
12 Blackburn	A 0-3		
19 Leeds	H 2-4		
25 Leicester	A 1-4		
26 Leicester	H 1-1		

APPEARANCES

Bolton R.	1	Hussey M.F.	7	Selkirk J.	35
Burke R.S.	40	Johnson P.	23	Silman R.	1
Churms D.J.	2	Jordan B.	1	Warner D.	35
Edwards J.F.	12	Marsden J.R.	4	Williams D.P.	39
Farmer T.	4	Marshall F.	30	Williams D.T.	39
Gibson A.	4	Meadows F.	7	Williams G.R.	4
Grainger J.	41	Noble N.	39	Williams H.O.	1
Guest G.	32	Pell D.	1	Wilson J.G.	42
Henderson J.	22	Quairney J.	41		

GOALSCORERS

Burke 32, Wilson 14, Grainger 10, Guest 9, Williams (G.R.) 2, Johnson 2, Henderson 2, Marshall 1, Farmer 1, Marsden 1. Own goals 3.

HISTORY OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAPTER 21

1957 saw John Charles move from Leeds to Juventus (Turin) for £65,000, easily the highest fee received by a Football League club up to then. At that time the highest fee for a transaction between two Football League clubs was the £34,000 that Sheffield Wednesday had paid to Notts County in 1951 and this rose to £45,000 in 1958 when Albert Quixall moved from Sheffield Wednesday to Manchester United.

Even then there were voices raised in the press advising the Football League to put an upper limit on these seemingly astronomical fees. The League had other things to think about, however, for it was at that time planning the first major change in the structure of the Football League since 1921.

This upheaval did away with the geographical sections of Division Three and the clubs finishing in the top halves of both the Northern and Southern sections formed the new Third Division while the bottom halves formed the new Division Four. This brought together in League games teams as far distant as Rochdale and Bournemouth in Division Three and York and Torquay in Division Four.

Whilst two teams still went up each season from Division Three the number moving from Division Four to Division Three was fixed at four with the bottom four having to seek re-election so that most teams would be at least on the outer edges of either the promotion or the relegation struggle. The four promotion winners at the end of 1958/9, the first season of Division Four's existence were Port Vale, Coventry, York and Shrewsbury while Oldham, Aldershot, Barrow and Southport found themselves applying for re-election. They were successful, but a year later there was a different story to be told.

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Well done, lads! Our quiz lads of Bryan Cutler (Captain), Pete Baxter, Nick Cooper, Derek Dalton, Pete Moxon and Maurice Wolstenholme. Moved on to the 3rd round of the National Federation of Football Supporters Clubs Football Team Quiz by beating Matlock Town Supporters Club, at Millmoor on the 29th January, by 48 points to 44. We now have a tough task in the next round against Leeds United Supporters Club at Elland Road (who were last season's semi-finalists) this match takes place tomorrow night 12th February.

St Valentine's Night Disco February 14th 9.0 p.m. till 2.0 a.m. at Socka's Nightspot, Millmoor. Admission only 50p, and tickets are on sale now, from the Promotions Office.

Everyone welcome. Come along after the Bournemouth game and join us and enjoy yourselves in a good atmosphere.

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v. Bournemouth No. 30. J. Brookes, Hungerhill Road, Kimberworth.

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Supporters Club Travel. Go with us next Saturday, 18th February to **Bradford City**.

Coaches depart from the Scala (Chantry Video), Corporation Street at 12.30 p.m. fare is just £2.50 Members, £3.00 Non-Members. Tickets available today at the Player Entrance or midweek from the Promotions.

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Finally congratulations to Rotherham and Wrexham Boys for serving up some excellent football and entertainment last week. The home lads finally winning 3-2 in extra-time on what was a glue pot pitch. Well done lads!

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WEMBLEY TRIP

This year's trip to Wembley is to see the schoolboys match between England and the Netherlands on Saturday 9th June. Anybody wishing to go to Wembley please contact Cliff on

Rotherham 555362 as soon as possible because there are only a few seats left. The cost of the stand seat is £3.50 this is a very popular trip so don't delay.

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ST. VALENTINES MASSACRE

The next meeting at Sockas will be on Monday at 7.00 p.m. when the theme will be the St. Valentines massacre and will be Fancy Dress. There will be games galore and prizes for the best Fancy Dresses. Please come along and Mums and Dads are welcome. Admission will be 35p.

STAND SEATS

Today's guests in the stand seats are Russell Chambers and Andrew Pick. They were winners of our raffle at last week's meeting.

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Three View

When new signing IAN HANDYSIDES from Birmingham netted for leaders Walsall at Port Vale last week he was the tenth different player to score for the "Saddlers" since Christmas. This 2-0 win ended Vale's recent rally and left them without a win against Walsall for 20 years. The "Saddlers" of course carried the Third Division banner into the Milk Cup semi-final first leg at Anfield on Tuesday and the second leg takes place at Walsall next week. In two previous F.A. Cup battles with Liverpool in 1947 and 1968 respectively they have lost 5-2 and if they hold the current First Division Champions to three goals over two legs this season Alan Buckley's men will probably be quietly satisfied.

On Saturday Bolton ended Bristol Rovers' recent run of 10 points from four games by beating them 3-0. Rovers have now picked up just one point from eight visits to Burnden Park and have lost on each of their last four visits without scoring. Bolton's TONY CALDWELL enjoyed a welcome change of fortune, scoring two goals on Saturday just a week after being sent off in the game at Walsall, then on Monday he scored the winning goal at Southend.

Another 'horses for courses' result on Saturday was that in which Gillingham won 3-2 at Brentford, this being the ninth successive season in which they have avoided defeat at Griffin Park. Including the recent F.A. Cup-tie the Gills have now beaten the Bees three times this season and scored 11 goals in the process. Former Wimbledon man JOHN LESLIE scoring in all three games.

Talking of Wimbledon, the Dons maintained their distinction of being the highest scorers in the Football League with a 6-2 win at Orient, this being only the second time they have ever scored six goals away from home in the Football League (they won 6-1 at Torquay in February 1979) and it was Orient's biggest home defeat since they

crashed 7-3 to Chelsea in November 1979.

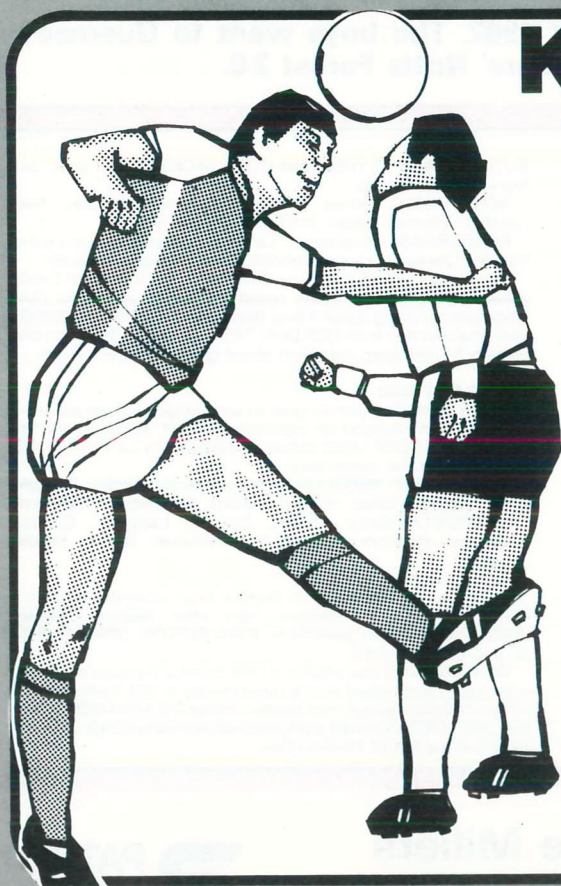
Almost needless to say ALAN CORK was amongst the Dons' goalscorers and he now has 27 to his credit this season while Newport's JOHN ALDRIDGE took his own tally to 22 despite his side's 4-1 home defeat by Rotherham. The Welshmen have now lost four of their last five games, their only win during this period being oddly enough against leaders Walsall, whose only defeat was in their last nine games.

The most successful team at the moment, however, are Bradford City, who chalked up their tenth win in a row last week at Exeter. Yet before this run started they had picked up just one win in fifteen games and they have now climbed from the nether regions of the table to midway with an outside chance of getting into the promotion race.

Still on the subject of promotion Hull City chalked up their third successive 1-0 home win on Saturday when beating Wigan at Boothferry Park while Oxford maintained their unbeaten home record by beating Preston 2-0. North End have now won only once in ten visits to Manor Park and it is interesting to recall that it was they who ended Oxford's F.A. Cup run when in only their second season in the Football League they reached the quarter final in 1962/3.

GOALSCORERS (To February 4 inc.)

	F. Lge	Milk Cup	F.A. Cup	
Alan Cork (Wimbledon)	23	2	2	27
Keith Edwards (Sheffield Utd.)	19	2	4	25
John Aldridge (Newport)	16	1	5	22
John Hanley (Bradford City)	17	0	1	18
Billy Hamilton (Burnley)	14	0	3	17
Tony Caldwell (Bolton)	15	2	1	18



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Looking Back

THIRTY YEARS AGO

We extended our unbeaten run to four games with a 2-1 win over Plymouth here on February 6, 1954. On an icy pitch GLADSTONE GUEST gave us an early lead, TERRY FARMER got another before half-time and MAURICE TADMAN pulled one back after the break for an Argyle side that were just above the relegation zone. Teams:

ROTHERHAM: Quairney; Selkirk, Johnson, Marshall, Williams (D), Grainger, Henderson, Farmer, Guest, Wilson.

PLYMOUTH: Major; Ratcliffe, Jones, Robertson, Chisholm, Porteous, Thomas, Dougall, Tadman, McJarrow, Dews.

Attendance: 12,135.

Though we were now in seventh place we were just two points behind Leicester, who beat Luton 2-1. Bolton meanwhile stayed well up in Division One, NAT LOFTHOUSE and DENNIS STEVENS getting the goals in a 3-1 win over Cardiff that kept them just five points behind W.B. Albion, who picked up a point with a RONNIE ALLEN goal in a 1-1 draw at Charlton. Wolves meanwhile stayed well in contention with a ROY SWINBOURNE hat-trick against Blackpool.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

February 8, 1964 saw us slipping to mid-table in Division Two with our third defeat in four games, 4-3 at Scunthorpe. After the break a PETER MADDEN own goal and a matchwinner by DAVID SLOAN swung the game in the home side's favour after IAN

BUTLER, BARRY LYONS and CLIFF JACKSON had given us a first-half lead. Teams:

SCUNTHORPE: Jones; Horstead, Needham, Lindsey, Neal, Lawther, Kirkman, Sloan, Hodgson, Smillie, Wilson.

ROTHERHAM: Ironside; Lambert, Morgan, Lancaster, Madden, Jackson, Lyons, Bennett, Tyler, Houghton, Butler.

Sunderland stayed top of our Division with a 2-0 win at Cardiff while in Division One Spurs raised the hopes of second place Blackburn by going down 4-0 at West Ham. A BOBBY ROBSON own goal and one from GORDON TAYLOR helped Bolton to beat Fulham 2-1 and keep them just above Ipswich at the bottom.

TEN YEARS AGO

TREVOR WOMBLE got our goal as we dropped a home point in a 1-1 draw with Newport on February 10, 1974. He gave us a first half lead, but MICK LENG deflected the ball into his own net after the break and the teams were:

ROTHERHAM: McDonough; Derrett, Leng, Bentley, Delgado, Swift, Womble, Wigg, Phillips (Gilbert), Goodfellow, Crawford.

NEWPORT: Macey; Passey, Sprague (Jarman), Godfrey, Aizlewood, Hancock, Hooper, Summerhayes, Brown, Screen, Jones, D.

Attendance: 2,933.

We were now eighteenth in Division Four while Bolton were in fourteenth spot in Division Two after beating Sheffield Wednesday 4-2 with goals from JOHN RITSON, JOHN BYROM (2) and GARY JONES.

While our game was played on the Sunday because of the fuel crisis Leeds had played on the previous day at Old Trafford and in a top v bottom struggle had beaten United 2-0 with MICK JONES and JOE JORDAN on the mark and had maintained their unbeaten record at the top of Division One.



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BILLY McEWAN'S DRESSING ROOM DIARY

I thought this week I would devote my notes on how a professional footballer starts out on his career.

First of all, they have to be spotted by scouts from senior clubs. Then on leaving school they then become apprentice professional footballers; which is the first rung on the ladder. Apprentice is as the word says: learning their trade from the coaches and manager of the club concerned. They play on a Saturday morning in the juniors or third team and if they are good enough they will play for the reserve team in the highly competitive Central League.

The exceptional apprentices have been known to get into the first team as Ian McInnes did against Hartlepool at the beginning of the season. During their apprenticeship which lasts until their 18th birthday they are required to do many chores eg. cleaning boots, 'yes, even Kenny Dalglish' did this during his apprenticeship with Celtic. Cleaning out the changing rooms,

and numerous other little jobs around the place. The kids do not like this part of the job but most 'pros' have done all this at the beginning of their careers. Kevin Keegan started his road to stardom by sweeping terraces and scrubbing the baths. It is good discipline for them and does not do them any harm at all.

Their progress is monitored closely, during their apprenticeship by all the staff but more so by the Youth Team Manager. (Phil Henson for our club).

The big day for the kids is their 18th birthday when they will be told whether or not they are good enough for a professional contract

or if they are being released, (which is not the best of news to give anyone but they have had the opportunity to prove themselves in the last two years at the club). If one is lucky to get a professional contract then the rest is up to him. He has to fight to get into the first team, and who knows from there Millmoor or Anfield could be their stage. To all you young aspiring Dalglish's reading my column remember this, Jimmy Greaves had a tennis ball and a lot of dedication. It is up to the individual how he is prepared to work on his game to improve.

See you next time.

BILLY McEWAN



Micky Goodings work out with the aid of the Multi-Gym. Micky was able to return to action quickly and play against W.B.A.

STATISTICS

1983/84	Opponents	F	A	Gate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug.	Southend United	2	2	3,114	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	Green	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
30	Hartlepool United	2	1	4,384	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
Sept.	Port Vale	2	0	4,867	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
6	Plymouth Argyle	2	0	2,488	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
10	Exeter City	1	0	2,193	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
14	Hartlepool United MC 1 (2L)	1	0	2,321	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
17	Orion	0	2	5,518	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
24	Bolton Wanderers	0	2	3,592	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
Oct.	Newport County	2	3	4,039	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
1	Luton Town MC 2 (1L)	2	3	4,039	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
4	Walsall	2	1	3,570	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
8	Scunthorpe United	2	1	3,739	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
15	Millwall	2	1	3,481	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
22	Wimbledon	1	3	2,481	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
29	Luton Town MC 2 (2L)	2	0	2,579	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
Nov.	Bradford City	2	0	4,506	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
25	AFC Bourneouth	2	0	3,495	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
5	Bristol Rovers	2	2	3,957	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
12	Southampton MC 3	2	1	8,821	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
19	Preston North End	0	1	3,196	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
23	Hartlepool United FAC 1	0	0	3,325	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
26	Hartlepool United FAC 1R	1	0	2,635	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
29	Gillingham	Δ	4	4,052	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
Dec.	Wimbledon MC 4	2	1	6,946	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
10	Burnley	1	1	5,544	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
17	Hull City FAC 2	2	1	4,000	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
26	Sheffield United	0	3	22,756	Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
Jan.	Hull City	0	1	6,298	Mimms	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
31	Wigan Athletic	1	2	4,595	Mimms	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
7	Lincoln City	1	1	8,142	Mimms	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
11	West Bromwich A. (FAC3)	0	0	12,107	Mimms	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
18	West Bromwich A. (FAC3R)	0	3	14,487	Mimms	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
22	Walsall MC 5	2	4	2,204	Mimms	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
Feb.	Orient	1	2	2,391	Mimms	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
4	Newport County	4	1		Stevenson	Forrest	Crosby	O'Dell	Johnson	McEwan	McInnes†	Kilmore†	Moore†	Mitchell	McBride	Rhodes
11	Bolton Wanderers															
14	AFC Bourneouth															
18	Bradford City (2.30 p.m.)															
21	Sheffield United (AMC)															
25	Wimbledon															
Mar.	Millwall															
6	Bristol Rovers															
10	Preston North End (FA 6)															
17	Walsall															
20	Brentford															
24	Scunthorpe United (MC F)															
30	Plymouth Argyle															
Apr.	Brentford															
14	Burnley (FA SF)															
21	Sheffield United															
23	Hull City															
28	Gillingham															
May	Lincoln City															
5	Wigan Athletic															
7	Oxford United															
12	FA Cup Final															
19	Port Vale															

To be arranged: Port Vale
 Home matches and scorers in heavy type. *Number of goals scored. ΔOwn Goal. ppenalty. †Player withdrawn. ‡after extra time. ●Substitute used. °Played at Wembley.
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Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
MIMMS	6	RAMSFORD	2	SEASMAN	3	COCKERILL	1	SMYTHE	5
FIAR	8	WALKER	3	EMMERSON	3	O'DELL	2	MORRIS	3
STONE	3	McFADZEAN	7(3)	RHODES	1	ELEY	2(3)	BRUCE	1
McINNES	11	LITTLEWOOD	6(1)	McEwan	2	ANCELL	2(3)	DAVIES	—(1)
RAYNES	5	McHALE	8(1)	MITCHELL	2	DOLBY	2(2)	HENSON	2
DURHAM	10	ALEXANDER	1	MOUNTFORD	2	ASH	6	PILLIPS	1
BROWN	10	CHAMBERS	1	STEVENSON	1	FORREST	1		

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

(Up to and including Tuesday 7th February 1984)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall	28	10	2	2	25	13	4
Wimbledon	27	11	2	0	44	21	5
Oxford United	25	9	3	0	34	15	6
Sheffield United	28	8	6	0	33	8	5
Hull City	25	9	2	1	24	7	4
Bolton Rovers	27	10	2	1	28	10	4
Bolton Wanderers	28	9	4	1	28	8	4
Burnley	25	9	0	2	34	9	2
Orient	28	8	3	2	32	17	3
Gillingham	23	8	1	3	32	13	4
Lincoln City	25	8	5	2	32	20	5
Bradford City	27	10	1	2	23	18	3
Millwall	25	7	4	2	23	12	0
Newport County	24	5	6	1	20	9	2
Plymouth Argyle	25	4	1	2	12	13	3
Wigan Athletic	26	5	3	2	14	2	3
Preston North End	27	5	3	2	14	2	3
Southend United	26	5	6	2	14	2	3
Bournemouth	26	4	3	5	11	1	2
Rotherham Utd.	24	4	3	5	11	1	2
Brentford	26	3	5	4	10	2	1
Exeter City	26	3	5	4	10	2	1
Scunthorpe Utd.	25	4	4	4	19	21	0
Port Vale	26	5	2	7	14	15	0

Goals	Away	Home	Goals
15	21	54	15
23	30	51	23
19	18	50	19
15	24	48	15
12	12	48	12
14	23	47	14
11	22	46	11
15	41	41	15
14	25	41	14
12	21	39	12
10	25	39	10
17	21	38	17
8	36	37	8
6	10	37	6
9	12	37	9
12	23	28	12
8	15	27	8
14	31	26	14
11	32	26	11
8	16	25	8
9	16	25	9
6	18	25	6
8	18	25	8
9	27	21	9
8	32	19	8

Sept.	20	Port Vale	H	2-1
Oct.	12	Blackpool	A	1-2
Oct.	12	Huddersfield Town	A	0-2
Nov.	25	Manchester City	H	0-3
Nov.	1	Coventry City	A	0-4
Nov.	8	Oldham Athletic	A	1-8
Nov.	15	Wigan Athletic	A	0-3
Nov.	23	Middlesbrough	H	0-5
Nov.	30	Grimsey Town	A	0-5
Dec.	14	Barnsley	A	1-3
Dec.	14	Preston North End	A	1-3
Jan.	9	Wolverhampton W.	A	P
Jan.	17	Chesterfield	A	P
Jan.	25	Port Vale	A	P
Jan.	31	Blackpool	A	4-3
Feb.	7	Huddersfield Town	H	0-3
Feb.	14	Notts. County	H	0-3
Feb.	21	Oldham Athletic	A	
Mar.	6	Bradford City	A	
Mar.	13	Manchester City	A	
Mar.	20	Coventry City	A	
Mar.	27	Wigan Athletic	A	
Apr.	3	Middlesbrough	H	
Apr.	10	Grimsey Town	A	
Apr.	17	Notts. County	H	
Apr.	24	Barnsley	H	
May	1	Chesterfield	A	
May	1	Wolverhampton W.	A	

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE FIXTURES

Aug.	27	Huddersfield Town	A	2-1
Sept.	3	Hartlepool United	H	2-1
Sept.	10	Middlesbrough	A	0-2
Sept.	17	Sunderland	H	1-0
Oct.	24	Leeds United (LC1)	A	0-3
Oct.	1	Huddersfield Town	H	1-2
Oct.	8	Halifax Town	H	0-1
Oct.	15	Sheffield Wednesday	A	1-5
Oct.	22	Sunderland	A	1-1
Nov.	29	Grimsey Town (LC2)	H	1-5
Nov.	5	Sheffield Wednesday	H	3-2
Nov.	12	A.P. Leamington (FAYC)	H	0-1
Nov.	19	Barnsley	A	3-3
Dec.	26	Hartlepool United	A	4-2
Dec.	17	Newcastle United	A	0-1
Dec.	24	Barnsley	H	1-3
Jan.	7	Doncaster Rovers	A	1-3
Jan.	14	Middlesbrough	A	P
Feb.	4	York City	H	3-1
Feb.	11	Sheffield United	H	
Mar.	25	Doncaster Rovers	H	
Mar.	10	Leeds United	H	
Mar.	30	Sheffield United	H	
Apr.	31	Bradford City	A	
Apr.	7	Newcastle United	A	
Apr.	21	Halifax Town	A	
Apr.	28	Easton Monday	A	
Apr.	28	Grimsey T. A	A	

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
15	9	3	2	29	10	30
14	9	1	4	22	15	28
16	8	3	5	37	24	27
14	7	3	4	27	24	24
15	6	5	4	28	24	23
15	7	2	6	20	23	23
15	7	1	7	26	22	22
16	7	1	8	26	22	22
15	7	1	7	26	33	22
13	4	1	8	18	33	13
12	3	0	9	17	22	9
10	1	0	9	9	34	3

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Dec. 3 Burnley	Solid Fuel Advisory Service	Eric Edwards	MICK GOODING					
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17 Oxford United	Derek Dalton	K. Layden Esq.						
27 Hull City	Rotherham Lotteries	Steeley Dent Ltd.						
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7 West Bromwich A. (FAC)	Merveweathers	Jimmy The Milk Goulbra/Woodstone Rolling Mill Ltd.	WILLY RAYNES					
14 Southend United	Ellen Andrews Enterprises	Mrs C. Dalton						
18 Walsall (MC)	Northern Lotteries	Mulryst Restaurant						
28 Exeter City	Rotherham Lotteries	Rotherham School Football Section						
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- 11 MICK GOODING
- 12

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